

1 Field of the Invention:

2 This invention relates to a system for making, and making use of, a phase change
3 in a fluid moving through a nozzle. The prior art fully teaches multiple alternative
4 variations on how to provide, pump, and recirculate the fluid and how to translate
5 theoretical work from the heat transfer within the nozzle to real work outside the system.
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7 Background of the Invention:

8 Conventional nozzles are routinely divided between two nozzle classes, one for
9 incompressible fluids and the second for compressible fluids. Each of these classes of
10 fluids behaves somewhat differently as it flows through a nozzle, where the area of a
11 surface perpendicular to the flow vector reduces to the narrowest (for incompressible
12 fluids) and then increases again (for compressible fluids).

13 Absent substantial change in any thermodynamic flow variable, the velocity of an
14 incompressible fluid increases as the fluid approaches the throat (i.e. within the inlet
15 section) and achieves a local maximum velocity at or near the throat. In contrast, under
16 selected conditions a compressible fluid may achieve a special value of velocity (e.g.,
17 sonic speed in the fluid) at or near the throat, while the fluid velocity may be greater than
18 this special value in the exhaust section.

19 A liquid fluid which is incompressible may become compressible if it changes
20 phase, either as a partial mixture of liquid and gas or as a completely phase-changed gas.
21 A nozzle arrangement whereby the fluid flowing through the nozzle is incompressible on
22 one side of the throat, experiences a phase change and becomes compressible, with a
23 resultant expansion in volume, as it passes through the throat into the exhaust, may
24 manifest distinct features and advantages in energy usage.

25 The amount of energy required to induce a phase change is called the heat of
26 transformation, which, for a mass m of a pure substance, is given by the equation $Q =$
27 mL , where L is the Latent Heat of the substance and depends on the nature of the phase
28 change as well as the properties of the substance. L_v is the heat of vaporization, or the
29 energy needed to transform a liquid to a gas. For water (H_2O), L_v is 2.26×10^6 J/kg).
30 Introductory physics texts may not include or mention as a property of the substance that

1 it is at a normal pressure of 1 atmosphere; i.e. they may ignore the conditions of the
2 environment. Introductory physics texts will at least mention the three main means of
3 heat transfer as conduction, convection, and radiation.

4 Classical mechanics fails to accurately consider the quantum-mechanical reality
5 of molecular activity, as it presumes no change in the vibrational state of the molecule.
6 This is chiefly because the separation between adjacent vibrational energy levels for such
7 a simple molecule as H₂ is about ten times the average kinetic energy of the molecule at
8 room temperature and normal pressure. Any translation of an increase in vibrational
9 energy level into kinetic energy would release a different inherent energy storage.

10 With fluids and gases, both heat and work depend on the process by which a
11 system moves between states; the start, intermediate, and final state, and the pressure,
12 temperature, and volume, all interact. Since the basic formula expressing the work done
13 by a gas is an integral which depends upon the pressure and volume, varying any or all
14 of these affects the calculation of the final result. This formula is:

$$15 \quad W = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} P dV \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

16 where **W** is the measure of Work done the by gas, **V_i** is the initial volume, **V_f** is the final
17 volume, **P** is the Pressure, and **dV** is the change in Volume between **V_i** and **V_f**. In a
18 cyclic process a first approximation of the work potentially made available equals the
19 heat transferred into a system. See, e.g. Physics for Scientists and Engineers, 3d Edition,
20 R. A. Serway, 1986, 1990, 1992, Harcourt Brace Jovanovitch, ISBN 0-03-096027-4, p.
21 550-551.

22 What is needed is a nozzle with appropriate material properties that supports
23 incompressible flow upstream of, and compressible flow downstream of, a nozzle throat,
24 provides additional energy within the throat to support phase change as part of a fluid
25 flow through the throat into the exhaust, and transforms the resultant energy into a useful
26 form.

1 Summary of the Invention:

2 These needs are met by the present embodiment of the invention, which provides
3 a system that has a fluid F moving through the system, a nozzle with an inlet, a throat,
4 and an exhaust, which nozzle further produces in the fluid F moving through the nozzle a
5 phase change from an incompressible to a compressible state, and which system finally
6 includes means to add energy at the throat and exhaust to the fluid F inducing a phase
7 change therein and converting the result into useful, principally mechanical, work. In the
8 preferred embodiment, the fluid F is a liquid already at or near its boiling point when it
9 enters the inlet. Stimulating means begin converting the fluid F from an incompressible to
10 a compressible state with an accompanying change of phase by adding energy, directly to
11 the fluid or indirectly from the nozzle wall, while the fluid F is passing through the throat.
12 As the fluid F passes out of the throat and into the exhaust the nozzle may further
13 promote the conversion and phase change by further addition of energy, by the
14 volumetric change of the nozzle and resulting pressure change in the fluid F, or by all
15 together.

16 The additional energy added to the fluid F may be provided by electrical
17 stimulation of a portion of the throat adding heat directly to the fluid F, inducing a low
18 energy nuclear reaction (LENR) within the nozzle, using conduction and convection to
19 heat the fluid F, solar energy, an energy-releasing chemical reaction, or any combination
20 thereof. The phase change may be further supported by a surfactant in the fluid F that
21 promotes and enhances the low energy nuclear reactions in the nozzle. In further
22 embodiments, to enhance the conversion and phase change of the fluid F, the system may
23 vary the stimulation to affect the timing and power of the conversion and phase change of
24 the fluid F

25 The energy of the fluid flow out of the exhaust may be transformed into
26 mechanical energy by direct thrust from the exhaust, by indirect thrust where at least one
27 exhaust is off the rotational axis and points tangential to the rotational axis, or by
28 directing the exhaust flow through a turbine. These implementations are scalable over a
29 wide range of applications by varying the number and size of nozzles incorporated.

1 Brief Description of the Drawings:

2 Figure 1 is a planar cross-section of a nozzle.

3 Figure 2A is a planar cross-section of an alternative nozzle with alternative
4 material layering.

5 Figure 2B is a three-dimensional cross-section of a nozzle embodying the
6 alternative material layering of Figure 2A.

7 Figure 3 is a planar cross-section of a nozzle showing the means for transferring
8 energy directly to the fluid in the throat; the control and support wiring are not shown
9 since they are known in the prior art.

10 Figure 4 is a planar cross-section of a nozzle showing the means for transferring
11 energy directly to the fluid in the exhaust; again, the control and support wiring are not
12 shown since they are known in the prior art.

13 Figure 5 is a cut-away, three-dimensional cross-section of a nozzle embodying
14 direct energy transference means embedded in the throat as shown in Figure 3; again, the
15 control and support wiring are not shown since they are known in the prior art.

16 Figure 6 is a planar cross-section of a nozzle showing the means for transferring
17 energy indirectly to the fluid embedded between the structural core and the heat
18 transference block; again, the control and support wiring are not shown since they are
19 known in the prior art.

20 Figure 7 is an example of a phased electrical stimulation where the intensity of the
21 electrical stimulus periodically jumps between a low and high state.

22 Figure 8 is an example of a scaling increase in electrical stimulation where the
23 intensity of the electrical stimulus periodically changes from a low to a higher state, then
24 back to the low state, then back to a yet higher state, increasing with each upward jump a
25 number of times (in this example, 4), rests, and then the cycle repeats.

26 Fig. 9 is a view of the exhaust feeding into a turbine.

27 Figure 10 is an external view of a system with a number of nozzle exhausts, each
28 of which is off-set from the axis of rotation and pointing tangential to the axis of rotation,
29 by which directed thrust from the exhaust can be converted into rotary motion.

30 Figure 11 is a flat nozzle where the change in volume occurs in the X-Y plane, as
31 might be most suitable for a microengineering or nanoengineering, molecular-level

1 construction, showing the means for transferring energy directly to the fluid in the
2 exhaust; again, the control and support wiring are not shown since they are known in the
3 prior art.

4 Figure 12 is a three-dimensional view of a cylindrical nozzle embodying a
5 number of vanes extending into the fluid flow from the heat transference block towards
6 and parallel to the fluid flow z-axis, thereby exposing more surface area for heat
7 transference to the fluid flow F.

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Detailed Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a planar cross-section view of a nozzle 11 through which flows a fluid F (not shown), with the z-axis being both the direction of flow of the fluid F and passing from the left to right side of the view. The nozzle 11 includes an inlet 13, a throat 17, and an exhaust 21. The nozzle may be composed of multiple layers of materials from inlet to exhaust including a structural core 15, a heat transference block 19, and an insulating layer 23 separating the structural core 15 from the heat transference block 19. Both the throat 17 and exhaust 21 may encourage and support the phase change of the fluid F.

Figure 2 is two views of a single side of the nozzle. Figure 2A is, like Figure 1, a planar cross-section view paralleling the z-axis of the fluid flow. Figure 2A shows the structural core 15 which first defines the inlet 13 and the initial portion of the throat 17, where it meets the insulating layer 23 that separates the structural core 15 from the heat transference block 19. Figure 2A additionally shows the insulating layer 23 subdivided into multiple sub-layers having different insulating capacities (e.g. 23A, electrical; 23B, thermal) in order to limit both electrical and thermal energy transference between the structural core 15 and the heat-transference block 19. Figure 2B is a three-dimensional view of a nozzle with a cylindrical interior also shows that the insulating layer 23 subdivided into multiple sub-layers 23A, 23B with different insulating capacities as in Figure 2A.

Figure 3 is, like Figure 1, a planar cross-section view of a nozzle 11 with the z-axis being both the direction of flow of the fluid F and passing from the left to right side of the view. The nozzle 11 in this embodiment includes in the throat 17 embedded direct excitation means 43 for transferring energy to the fluid F to induce a phase change by the exhaust 21; again, the control and support wiring are not shown.

Figure 4 is, like Figure 3, except that in this embodiment the embedded direct excitation means 45 for transferring energy directly to the fluid F to induce a phase change are at the left-most end of the exhaust 21; again, the control and support wiring are not shown.

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2 Figure 5 is a cut-away, three-dimensional cross-section of a nozzle embodying the
3 embedded direct excitation means 45 in the throat 21 as shown in Figure 3.

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5 Figure 6 is a planar cross-section view of a nozzle 11 with the z-axis being both
6 the direction of flow of the fluid F and passing from the left to right side of the view. The
7 nozzle 11 in this embodiment includes in the throat embedded indirect excitation means
8 47 for transferring energy to the heat transference block 19 from which the energy passes
9 into the fluid F to induce a phase change therein; again, the control and support wiring
10 are not shown.

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12 Figure 7 shows a pattern of electrical stimulation, where the voltage pulses
13 between low and high values (the v axis) in a timed pattern of identical sinusoidal pulses
14 (the t axis). The values are not absolute but exemplar to show the nature of the pattern.

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16 Figure 8 shows a pattern of electrical stimulation, where the voltage pulses
17 between low and higher values (the v axis) in a laddered increase over time (the t axis),
18 which pattern repeats periodically after a rest. The values are not absolute but exemplar
19 to show the nature of the pattern.

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21 Figure 9 shows a further embodiment in which the system has at least one nozzle
22 11 directing its exhaust 21 into a turbine 59, in which a set of vanes 57 are spun by the
23 fluid F leaving the nozzles; the containment chamber 53 conserves the fluid F while the
24 turbine axis 51 provides mechanical rotation for further transmission outside the system;
25 again, the control, recapture, recirculation, and pumping means for the fluid F are not
26 shown as these are well known in the prior art.

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28 Figure 10 shows a further embodiment in which the system uses a set of nozzles
29 equally offset by 90° (11-1, 11-2, and 11-3, the 3 of a set of 4 being visible) which are
30 both off-set from and directed tangentially to the rotational axis running between the top
31 and bottom ends of the through-pipe 45, thereby producing a rotational spin to a integral

1 mass forming a flywheel 43 from which mechanical work can be extracted. Not shown,
2 as well understood in the prior art, are recapture and recirculating mechanisms for the
3 system, the means for transferring the rotational energy of the flywheel 43, and the
4 control wiring, as these are well known in the prior art.

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6 Figure 11 shows a non-cylindrical, nearly flat nozzle where the majority of the
7 changes in the volume of the fluid F (not shown) flowing through the nozzle occur both
8 between the inlet 13, throat 17, and exhaust 21, and in a single plane perpendicular to the
9 z-axis of the flow. The embedded direct excitation means 47 are in the throat 17. This
10 form of nozzle may be preferable for microengineered or nanoengineered nozzles where
11 the layers of materials forming the structural core 15 and the heat transference block 19
12 are better measured in molecular rather metric terms.

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14 Figure 12 is a three-dimensional view of a cylindrical nozzle with an inlet 13,
15 throat 17, and exhaust 21, built out of a structural core 15 and heat transference block 19,
16 which incorporates at least one vane 61 extending into the fluid flow from the heat
17 transference block 19, said vane oriented parallel to the z-axis, thereby exposing more
18 surface area for heat transference to the fluid flow F while reducing the blockage of the
19 fluid flow by the leading edge of the vane 61.

1 Detailed Description of the Invention:

2 The system comprising the present embodiment of the invention includes a
3 nozzle, a fluid F moving through the nozzle, and means for inducing a phase change in
4 the fluid F within the nozzle through a heat transfer into the fluid F within the nozzle. In
5 the preferred embodiment of the invention, the system further comprises means for
6 transforming the flow of fluid F from the nozzle into work that can be transferred outside
7 the system.

8 External condensation and recirculating elements, filtering, control and timing
9 means, and mechanical energy transmission means are well known in the prior art and are
10 neither shown nor claimed as part of this invention; however, its application and use
11 thereof in combination are not so disclaimed and may be additional parts to each of the
12 embodiments herein.

13 The nozzle 11 comprises an inlet 13, a throat 17, and an exhaust 21, where the
14 interior area perpendicular to the fluid flow axis (the z-axis) decreases to a minimum,
15 remains constant, and then increases again. The nozzle starts with a structural core 15,
16 and the preferred embodiment further incorporates an insulating layer 23, means
17 embedded within the nozzle for transferring energy into the fluid F and inducing a phase
18 change in the fluid F (directly 43, 45, or indirectly 47), and a heat transference block 19;
19 a combination of these elements extending from at least a portion of the throat 17 through
20 the exhaust 21. The interior form of the nozzle depends on the shaping of the inner
21 surfaces of the structural block 15, insulating layer 23, means for transferring energy
22 directly (43, 45) and heat transference block 19, as seen in Figures 1-6, further detailed
23 hereafter.

24 Figure 1 is a schematic view of a nozzle 11. The inlet 13 is defined by a first
25 block that forms the structural core 15 of said nozzle, the structural core 15 being of solid
26 material with decreasing cross sectional area $A(z)$ perpendicular to the fluid flow, i.e. for
27 increasing values of a coordinate z along a z-axis for the system. (In Figure 1 the z-axis is
28 aligned with the left-right axis of the view). The throat 17 is that part of the nozzle at
29 which the cross sectional area $A(z)$ of the structural core 15 reaches and keeps a
30 minimum value; in a further embodiment the throat may additionally be formed by any
31 combination of the structural core 15, a embedded direct excitation element 43 (Fig. 3),

1 and a heat transference block 19. The exhaust 21 is where the cross sectional area $A(z)$
2 now increases above its minimum value through the throat. The exhaust 21 may be
3 formed by the structural core (not shown) or, preferably, is formed by the heat
4 transference block 19 as shown in Figure 1, alone or in combination with the embedded
5 direct excitation means 45 (Fig. 4) and the insulating layer 23 (Fig. 1). The structural
6 core 15 and the heat transference block 19 in the preferred embodiment of the invention
7 are separated by an insulation layer 23.

8 Within the inlet 13, the fluid F is preferably incompressible and maintained at or
9 near conditions for a change of phase (e.g., from liquid to gas or vapor); so it could be
10 near or at its boiling temperature but above its boil pressure (and thus in a superheated
11 state). The fluid F in the preferred embodiment is moved into and through the system 11
12 by a pump (not shown) or by centrifugal forces provided by motion outside the system
13 11; and the fluid may be recondensed and/or replaced by those means already well-
14 known in the art, also not shown.

15 As the fluid F passes through the throat 17 and into the exhaust 21, heat and/or
16 thermal energy particles from the heat transference block 19 raise the energy level of the
17 fluid F by ΔE per unit volume and promote a change of phase of the fluid in this region.
18 The energy level increment ΔE should be at least equal to, and preferably greater than,
19 the phase change energy increment $\Delta E(\text{phase, i.e. } L_v)$ per unit volume required to cause a
20 phase change in the fluid F. It may be appropriate, therefore, to provide one or more
21 additional energy sources within the throat 17 and/or within the exhaust 21 to ensure a
22 change of phase of the fluid F in those regions. As a result of the phase change, the fluid
23 F becomes compressible within at least a portion of those regions so that the fluid flow
24 behavior is changed substantially therein.

25 The fluid F may initially be a liquid, such as water, with a nominal or substantial
26 amount of deuterium (D) present, as HDO or D₂O, or the fluid F may be another liquid
27 that has a substantial portion of its H atoms replaced by D atoms (each containing one
28 proton and one neutron). Alternatively, the fluid F may be an electrolytic liquid having
29 one or more conductive salts therein, such as lithium sulfate or another suitable salt of
30 lithium, boron, aluminum, gallium, indium or thallium.

1 As the viscosity of the fluid may effect the system and thereby affect the
2 efficiency of the heat transference, the efficiency of the LENR, or the efficiency of the
3 phase change, in a further embodiment of the invention a wetting agent or surfactant is
4 included in the fluid F to promote better interaction between the fluid F and the surface(s)
5 of the nozzle, particularly the throat 17, the exhaust 21, and the heat transference block
6 19. The preferred surfactant belongs to a class that consists of short chain molecules from
7 five to fifty atoms long and containing an extra ion. The preferred surfactant will not
8 react with the fluid F, e.g. the lithium or other salt.

9 The heat transference block 19 may be porous, sintered, have micro-cracks
10 therein, or foraminous with the channels both parallel to the z-axis and with open
11 connection to the inner surface of the heat transference block, to encourage free neutrons
12 to move between the fluid F and the second block material, to encourage or replenish or
13 transfer energy from low energy nuclear reaction and/or other stimuli; or to encourage the
14 conductive and convective transference of energy between the heat transference block 19
15 and the fluid F.

16 The insulation layer 23 is optional and may include thermal insulation, electric
17 insulation, or a combination thereof; in a further embodiment there is both a first sub-
18 layer 23A of electrical insulating material, plus a second sub-layer 23B of thermal
19 insulation material, as illustrated in Figure 2A & 2B. Optionally, the sub-layers 23A and
20 23B, may be combined in a single insulation layer 23. The insulation layer 23 suppresses
21 or eliminates exchange of electrically charged particles and exchange of most thermal
22 energy between the structural core 15 and the heat transference block 19.

23 Material for the structural core 15 may be any suitable solid material, such as a
24 metal, a sintered metal, an alloy, a ceramic, or a carbon composite that resists wear or
25 erosion from the fluid F passing through the inlet 13 and throat 17. Material for the heat
26 transference block 19 in the preferred embodiment incorporates a material that forms a
27 metal hydride and enables, supports, or encourages a Low Energy Nuclear Reaction
28 (LENR) within the heat transference block 19 and thereby provides thermal energy (heat)
29 that is transferred to the fluid F at the surface(s) of the heat transference block 19. In the
30 preferred embodiment of this invention, the metal forming the heat transference block 19

1 is palladium. This heat transference block may be only a plating on the inner surface of
2 the nozzle a few molecules thick.

3 Low energy nuclear reactions are used in preference to, or in conjunction with,
4 other sources of energy because their energy densities are far greater than those of other
5 sources, and because their energy is released in the nozzle where it is needed to change
6 the phase of the fluid rather than being conveyed to the nozzle by other means such as an
7 electric current, electric field, or radiation.

8 Other suitable materials for the heat transference block 19 include *lanthanum*,
9 *praseodymium*, *cerium*, *titanium*, *zirconium*, *hafnium*, *vanadium*, niobium, *tantalum*,
10 nickel, *thorium*, protactinium, and *uranium*. Authority for the inclusion of those elements
11 in italics within this group is found in a book entitled "Inorganic Hydrides" by B. L.
12 Shaw, published by Pergamum Press, 1967. Authority for inclusion of the others comes
13 from their presence in the same column of the Periodic Table of Elements, which groups
14 elements by functional similarities

15 Energy may be introduced into the fluid F by direct or indirect means. Direct
16 energy transfer to the fluid F may come through the embedded direct excitation means
17 (43, 45); these may be a ferrous material in which an electromagnetic field induces heat;
18 a resistive material heated by passing a current through it; or the nozzle may have
19 embedded in it either a microwave or a laser whose emission directly affects the fluid F;
20 or the system may include an anode and cathode and a fluid F reactive to electrical
21 stimulation and using the fluid F pass a current between the anode and the cathode. The
22 laser emission or current may be constant, periodic, or varying. Any combination of such
23 directly stimulating means may be incorporated in the system.

24 Indirect means for introducing energy into the fluid F include the embedded
25 indirect excitation means (47) which enable, support, or encourage a Low Energy
26 Nuclear Reaction (LENR) within the heat transference block 19; these embedded indirect
27 excitation means (47) may include electrical stimulation of the heat transference block,
28 laser stimulation of the heat transference block, or any combination thereof. If the means
29 which enable, support, or encourage a low-energy nuclear reaction within the heat
30 transference block are electrically stimulating the heat transference block, the system will

1 include an anode, use the heat transference block as an cathode, and pass an electric
2 current between the anode and the cathode.

3 In one embodiment, when an electric current is used to stimulate the LENR, the
4 electric current may have a time-varying waveform consisting of pulses having a baseline
5 near 1 volt and amplitude sufficient to separate the bond between the hydrogen and
6 oxygen in the water molecule. The pulses carry a modulation that is sinusoidal or nearly
7 so. In a further embodiment, the pulses may increment up in amplitude in a staircase
8 manner, until ceasing, providing a stimulus of increasing stimulation followed by
9 relaxation. Also, provided that the anode is composed of the same metal as the cathode,
10 the current flow may briefly reverse direction, although care must be taken that it not
11 corrode the cathode by doing so. The resulting waveform resembles the acoustic
12 waveform created by percussion instruments and may effect both vibration and electrical
13 stimulation of the LENR; it is as if one obtained the LENR by "beating God's drum".

14 If the system uses electrical stimulation, the fluid F must be either weakly or
15 strongly conductive, and the anode should not be part of the nozzle since the anode will
16 dissolve over time as a natural result of electrolysis.

17 If the means for inducing a low-energy nuclear reaction within the heat
18 transference block are laser stimulating the heat transference block the nozzle will
19 include at least one embedded laser, possibly fabricated with techniques similar to those
20 of semiconductor devices whose emission affects the heat transference block. Any
21 combination of such indirectly stimulating means may be incorporated in the system.

22 Any combination of directly and indirectly stimulating means may be
23 incorporated in the system.

24 In another embodiment, illustrated in Figure 12, a nozzle 11 includes one or more
25 vanes 61, located in the throat 17 and/or in the exhaust 21 and oriented so that at least one
26 surface plane of the vane 61 is approximately parallel to a local flow direction of the fluid
27 F through the nozzle. The vane 61 is made of a material similar to or identical to the
28 material of the heat transference block 19 that supports low energy nuclear reactions
29 within the material. A vane 61, thus presents more surface area to the fluid F and thus
30 has the potential to contribute more thermal energy to the fluid F than would a flat
31 interior surface of the heat transference block 19.

1 There are a number of means for transforming a heat-exchange that produces
2 directed steam into useful work well known in the prior art. First among these is using the
3 exhausted fluid in a steam jet to propel the entire system directly, according to Newton's
4 First Law of Motion $F = ma$. This requires a constant replenishment of the fluid, and can
5 propel a vehicle. A second means for transforming a heat-exchange that produces
6 directed steam into useful work is to direct the exhaust into a turbine, whose spinning
7 produces mechanical and/or electrical power, as shown in Figure 9. Such a turbine may,
8 particularly at the human or larger machine scale, have vanes with differential surfaces
9 such that the Bernoulli effect ('lift') causes the vanes to rotate. Another alternative,
10 feasible due to material property limitations at the smaller and micro scales, is to have the
11 steam directed across the surface(s) of the turbine's vane(s), preferably as far offset from
12 the turbine's axis of rotation as is possible, thereby using the friction of the passage of the
13 steam to spin the vanes and thus the turbine. A third means off-sets the exhaust from the
14 z-axis and directs the exhaust tangentially to the z-axis, thereby transforming the heat-
15 exchange which forms the steam jet into mechanical rotary motion as shown in Figure
16 10. Again, the condensation, recirculation, filtering, control and timing elements are not
17 shown as these are known to the prior art.

18 As shown in Figure 10, at least one nozzle (if more, they will be equally
19 distributed about a circle) may be placed with its exhaust (21-1, 21-2, and 21-3) offset
20 from the z-axis (which in Figure 10 goes between the top and bottom of the view) and
21 aimed tangentially to the z-axis; this nozzle thereby forms part of a rotatable body 43 that
22 rotates on bearings about a central axis 45 and serves as a flywheel. In this embodiment,
23 the fluid F that exits from the exhaust of one or more nozzles 21_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots$) is directed
24 against an ambient atmosphere and causes rotation of the rotatable body 43 about the
25 central axis 45, similar to rotation of a fireworks "pinwheel." The nozzle embodiments
26 shown in Figures 1-6 provide increased total fluid energy (kinetic, thermal, etc.) that is in
27 turn converted to rotational or other kinetic energy as the fluid F exits from the exhaust
28 21 of a nozzle 11 (or 21). Discharge from two nozzles 21_i ($i = 1, 2$) may be continuous,
29 or the nozzle discharges may be synchronized so that each nozzle is "pulsed" during a
30 different time interval, where time intervals from two nozzles either partly overlap or are
31 spaced apart and non-overlapping. The stimulation of the heat transference block 19 may

1 be pulsed and timed by inductive pickup governed by location as the rotor rotates. The
2 rotor system shown in Figure 10 is easily scaled up or down by changing the number
3 and/or size of the nozzles and exhausts 21, used in the system. The rotor system shown
4 in Figure 10 can be used as the basis for an engine. Recirculating, recondensing, filtering,
5 timing and control elements, like the fluid F, are not shown. The nozzles described herein
6 are as fundamental to such an engine as pistons are to reciprocating engines and blades
7 are to turbines. Such an engine can be used to drive a variety of rotational mechanisms,
8 including, but not limited to, electric generators, wheels, propellers, screws, pumps,
9 compressors, turbines, and the compressor stages of turbines.

11 Brief Description of the Preferred Embodiment

12 In the preferred embodiment of this invention, the nozzle 11 is comprised of an
13 inlet 13, a throat 17 (which is formed by a combination of the structural core 15, the
14 insulating layer 23 which itself comprises a lamination of both electrically and thermally
15 insulating materials, and the heat transference block 19 made of palladium), and an
16 exhaust 21. Embedded in the nozzle between the structural core 15 and the heat
17 transference block 19 is at least one anode (not shown) which passes a current through
18 the heat transference block 19 in pulses that increment up in amplitude in a staircase
19 manner (Fig. 8), until ceasing, providing a stimulus of increasing stimulation followed by
20 relaxation. Also embedded in the nozzle is at least one laser (47) whose emission affects
21 the heat transference block 19, illuminating it from the side adjacent to the structural
22 core 15 and parallel to the fluid flow, and is pulsed. The fluid F incorporates lithium salt,
23 a short-chain (5-10 atoms) surfactant having an extra ion that is non-reactive with the
24 surfactant, and deuterium; the fluid F is also at its vaporization point at the inlet 13. The
25 fluid F flows through the system into the inlet 13, through the throat 17, where a phase
26 change is induced and the fluid changes from an incompressible state to a compressible
27 state as it passes into and through the exhaust 21. The system offsets the nozzles 11 from
28 the z-axis such that the fluid F as it flows through the exhaust is directed tangentially to
29 the z-axis in a rotor system as shown in Figure 10. The fluid F is recaptured,
30 recondensed, and recirculated back to the inlet 13.

1 The scope of this invention includes any combination of the elements from the
2 different embodiments disclosed in this specification, and is not limited to the specifics of
3 the preferred embodiment or any of the alternative embodiments mentioned above. The
4 claims stated herein should be read as including those elements which are not necessary
5 to the invention yet are in the prior art and are necessary to the overall function of that
6 particular claim, and should be read as including, to the maximum extent permissible by
7 law, known functional equivalents to the elements disclosed in the specification, even
8 though those functional equivalents are not exhaustively detailed herein.

9 Additionally, the use of multiple exhausts, nozzles, off-set nozzles and exhausts,
10 and turbines, should be read into the claims as the language uses that singular indefinite
11 article ('a', or 'an'), and that usage is, according to practice and prior legal interpretation,
12 not limited to the ordinal, single-unit definition but is synonymous with the permissive
13 phrase 'at least one'.
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